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SUBJECT: JOINT WP OF CSTP AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE ON
TECHNOLOGY AND STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION, FEB. 16

1. SUMMARY -

JOINT WORKING PARTY OF THE CSTP AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE
ON TECHNOLOGY AND THE STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION OF INDUSTRY
MET FEBRUARY 16 UNDER CO-CHAIRMEN SCHEIDEMANN AND
COMMERCE DAS SHERWIN. MEETING GUIDED THROUGHOUT BY
MANDATE (DSTI/IND/76.02). THOUGH SPIRITED DISCUSSION
BY REPRESENTATIVES OF MOST DELEGATIONS CREATED PRES-
SURES FOR BROADENED CHARTER, CO-CHAIRMEN, WHO WORKED
WELL TOGETHER, MAINTAINED PRACTICAL, INDUSTRY ORIENTA-
TION. END SUMMARY

2. DISCUSSION FOLLOWED THEMES OUTLINED IN DSTI/IND/
76.03 WITH CONCENTRATION ON (A) AREAS OF PUBLIC CONCERN.
THE IMPORTANT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THIS PROJECT AND
WORK OF THE NANCY GROUP ON FUTURE INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES
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WAS UNDERScoreD BY THE CO-CHAIRMEN. FOLLOWING GENERAL

DISCUSSION, IT WAS DECIDED THAT A MANDATORY REQUEST FOR INFORMATION WOULD BE DRAFTED BY THE SECRETARIAT WHICH WOULD INCLUDE FIVE THEME AREAS PLUS AN EVALUATION OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS FOR STIMULATING INDUSTRIAL INNOVATION. THIS REQUEST WOULD SOLICIT CASE STUDIES EXISTING IN GOVERNMENTS PERTAINING TO SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF STRUCTURAL ADAPTATION IN RESPONSE TO TECHNOLOGY FACTORS. THE EVALUATION OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS WOULD BE DONE BY OUTSIDE CONSULTANTS. THIS EVALUATION SHOULD NOT BE COLORED BY THE OPINION OF GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE JOINT WORKING PARTY INDICATED THE DESIRABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS RESPONDING TO THE REQUEST FOR CASE STUDIES WITHIN FOUR WEEKS; THE EVALUATION OF POLICY INSTRUMENTS SHOULD BE AN ON-GOING ASPECT OF THE WORK. THE JWP WILL MEET AGAIN IN LATE APRIL TO EVALUATE PROGRESS AND MAKE A FIRST REPORT TO THE CSTEP AND INDUSTRY COMMITTEE IN JUNE. CO-CHAIRMAN SHERWIN WAS PLEASED WITH PROGRESS MADE AT FIRST MEETING.
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